AGENDA ITEM # September 13, 2002

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: Goals and Priority Actions of the CALFED Bay Delta Public Advisory

Committee Working Landscapes Subcommittee

BACKGROUND:

Memo

To: CALFED Bay Delta Public Advisory Committee

From: Ryan Broddrick and Denny Bungarz, Co-Chairs of the CALFED

Working Landscapes Subcommittee

Date: September 16, 2002

Re: Working Landscapes Subcommittee Goals and Priorities

The CALFED Working Landscapes Subcommittee has met twice since it was formally established as a subcommittee of the BD-PAC at the July 2002 meeting.

The participation from the stakeholders has been exceptional with over 40 people attending each meeting. The committee is finalizing the mission and vision statement and associated workplan. We expect to bring these for approval to the BD-PAC at the December meeting. The subcommittee has, however, reached consensus on three broad goals and three high priority

actions. The subcommittee recognizes the time sensitivity given the current effort to develop and approve the CALFED Program Year 3 workplans, and is therefore submitting these for consideration and possible adoption at this time.

Goals

- Support locally based collaborative initiatives that provide opportunities for working landscapes to assist CALFED in meeting its program objectives.
- 2. Minimize and mitigate adverse CALFED project impacts on agricultural resources consistent with commitments in the Record of Decision.
- 3. Coordinate funding and outreach to support a working landscape approach to meeting CALFED program objectives.

High Priority Actions

- 1. Support development of an agricultural element in each CALFED regional implementation plan.
- 2. Develop strategies to implement CALFED ROD commitments as they relate to working landscapes.
- 3. Develop opportunities to leverage USDA Farm Bill funds to meet CALFED objectives.